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During Coffee County Commission meeting

EMA director warns of current COVID surge

by Linda Hodge, Editor

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Elba City Council votes to renovate portion of building on Davis Street for new Chamber office

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The next home for the Elba Chamber of Commerce office got a lot clearer this week following meetings of the Elba City Council and Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA).

During its regular meeting Monday night, Jan. 10, the Elba City Council voted to ask the Elba Redevelopment Authority to transfer the deed of the property at 345 W Davis Street (old dime store building on the square) in Elba back to the City so that it could renovate the building creating office space in half of the property for the Elba Chamber of Commerce office.

Council members discussed this proposal at length during a work session prior to Monday night's meeting, and council member Gappa Wiss wanted there to be a stipulation somewhere indicating that 'should the Chamber office be required to move from that building in the future, the city would still provide a space the same size or larger for the Chamber office.' The discussion led to an agreement for that stipulation to be included in the services contract the city has with the chamber.

City attorney Bart Booth said the current services contract needs renewing

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YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASONS UNDERWAY... Recreation youth basketball action returned to the hardcourts last week as several local teams opened their 2022 seasons. On Thursday night, Jan. 6, boys 10U basketball took to the court at the Elba High School gym as the Elba and Kinston teams played two games. Kinston's youth came away with wins in both games, but the second game of the night was definitely a "nail-biter" as the young 'Dawgs claimed the one-point victory in only the final seconds of the game. It was a back-and-forth battle for four quarters between the youngsters from Elba and Kinston. Above, Kinston's Bentley Smith dribbles down court with Elba's Jacqueline Hill and Nicholas Parker on his heels. Upcoming Elba youth games include: Thursday, Jan. 13 - Elba 10U boys (6:30 p.m.) and Elba 12U boys (7:30 p.m.) at New Brockton; Saturday, Jan. 15 - Elba 12U boys (12 noon) and Elba 10U boys (1 p.m.) at New Brockton; Monday, Jan. 17 - Elba 10U boys (6 p.m.) and Elba 12U boys (7 p.m.) at Kinston; and Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Elba 12U girls (7 p.m.) at Kinston.

Mark the Date! Wrestling event coming to Elba

A fundraiser planned in March to benefit the Elba High School football program will bring live wrestling action to the Elba High School gymnasium.

On Friday, March 18, an in-school show will be held in conjunction with a drug prevention program at 2 p.m. for Elba High School and Elba Elementary School students. Admission to this program is only \$2.

At 7 p.m. that night, a community show will be held inside the high school gymnasium. This will include a five-match event filled with fun and family entertainment.

There also will be a Battle Royal to end the evening.

Tickets will go on sale soon for the Friday night, March 18, event. Ticket prices will be: \$10 for general admission and \$20 for ringside seating [ringside seating will be limited].



The Elba Redevelopment Authority accepted a purchase offer on this building, located at 305 Buford Street, in Elba, during a meeting Tuesday morning, Jan. 11th.

Elba Redevelopment Authority accepts offer on building at 305 Buford Street for retail business

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a meeting held Tuesday morning, Jan. 11, the Elba Redevelopment Authority board voted to accept a cash offer for purchase of the vacant building located at 305 Buford Street along with a portion of the adjacent parking lot.

This location was formerly known as the Taylor Parts/Carquest parts store building. The business plan for the building was submitted by Maria Fortunas, owner and CEO of Kleiner's, and she proposed purchasing the building and parking lot for a cash offer of \$35,000. The ERA approved the proposal with one change.

The ERA voted to sell

the building and parking lot for sale, and those interested are asked to submit a business plan with purchase offer to Elba City Clerk Sally Bane. Any offers received will be considered at an upcoming meeting of the ERA for approval.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule. Any customers that experience an issue with utilities during this time are asked to call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 for report the issue.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. A limited number of people can be in the room so if those planning to attend are asked to call 334-894-5581X3.

A BEEKEEPING 101 CLASS will be held each Monday, beginning Monday, Jan. 24, at Enterprise State Community College [ESCC]. This is a 10-week course, open to the public, and ends March 28th. Cost to participate is \$15. ESCC is partnering with Southeast Alabama Beekeeping Association member Richard Woodham to bring this class to the community. Each Monday evening class will be from 6:30-8 p.m., and a variety of topics will be covered. Participants can register for the class at https://escc.formstack.com/forms/communityenrichment_application.

The company has been located in Elba for almost 20 years, operating from a different location. It was incorporated in 1983 as Hygienes Industries Inc. and owns the trademark and dba's as Kleiner's. On top of the \$35,000 proposal for the building and parking lot, Fortunas said her company would invest another \$65,000-plus in additional renovations to the locations for a total investment on the property of more than \$100,000.

Also, during the meeting, the ERA members voted to accept a property transfer from the City of Elba to the authority for the vacant lot at 329 Putnam Street.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I wholly disapprove of what you say – and will defend to the death your right to say it" - Voltaire

Norway's military is in a crunch for uniforms new recruits. They report that supply chain issues and shortage of money is causing this problem. The military is solving the problem by requiring soldiers being discharged to turn in ALL their used military issue bras, underwear, and socks! Every young Norwegian has a required military tour - both male and female. The government promises to wash and sanitize the used clothing well before reissuing it to the incoming grunts.

COVID is obviously planning to stay around for an extended visit. Another new variant of the "stuff" has been detected in Southern France. This one is "IHU" which could mean I Hate You! Only 12 people have been identified as having this strain of COVID, but one of those being a person fully vaccinated who had recently traveled to Cameroon. There is not enough information from these 12 people to determine the severity of this virus, but the very existence of another variant is not a good sign.

We are adamantly opposed to the proposals being considered by the Alabama legislature that would remove the need for a permit to carry a concealed weapon in Alabama. That would mean a known unstable person could legally carry a gun everywhere. Already causes of shooting deaths are credited to unstable people who legally obtain a gun. Under the proposals being considered law enforcement can't take that gun UNTIL SOMEONE IS SHOT!! What is extremely shocking about this subject is part of the debate includes allowing weapons in school sporting events – think football, basketball, baseball, etc., games. It already takes a growing number of law enforcement to control the crowds at most of these games. Imagine guns being legal at a football game with thousands of spectators. Someone gets mad over the way the game is unfolding, sees a person wearing a shirt or cap supporting the school with the highest score and argument arises (which it does already) and upset fan of losing team pulls out gun and bang, bang one or more carefree fan is dead. Mass confusion erupts as scared fans try escaping all at once from the gunfire. This confusion only adds to the injuries (or deaths) caused by the gunfire. In addition, another shooting could occur at the other end of the ball field and thousands more head for the exits in panic!

Well University of Alabama football fans had little to celebrate Tuesday morning, except to say they played for the national championship. Georgia fans woke to a feeling of redemption after their team won the championship game from the lone team to defeat them during the regular season. We will probably offend the most avid Alabama fans with the following comments but here goes: During the two games recently that placed Bama and Georgia in this Monday night event we thought Georgia played a more aggressive game than Alabama did. However both teams did what was necessary to win. At times it looked as if Bama was in slow motion (or maybe didn't really feel challenged by Cincinnati) but the outcome of their game was never in doubt. Georgia also overwhelmed Michigan as was expected but seemed to have something to prove to the world due to the loss earlier to Alabama. They seemed to just be more aggressive around the football. Anyway, the season is over for this year and believe it or not the sun came up Tuesday morning as scheduled. It is probably good for college football nationwide that someone besides Alabama 'occasionally' wins the top honors. The grumbling from the 'also ran' universities was getting louder and louder because the Bama teams kept beating them out of the championship trophies!

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office space for the Elba Chamber, and the other half of the building would be renovated to be utilized at retail space.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of the council.

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Guess what...

After making the phone call to her doctor's office, and them telling her she would get a call back later to come in for an emergency visit when they could find a time...she went ahead and took her shower for the day "just so she would be ready" when that call did come in.

Jokes aside, Lou Lou does hope the doctor is able to figure out what is going on with Sister and the treatment is simple. Seeing Sister in that much pain is not fun at all.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

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Williams made the motion to proceed with this transfer. His motion received a second from council member Johnathan Lockett, and it passed by unanimous vote.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, January 4, 2022, and Monday, January 10, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Burglary reported at 926 Brookdale Ave (8:06 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 979 County Rd 239 (11:55 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Lee St (9:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Claxton Ave N (10:40 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 304 Factory Ave (10:46 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in two verbal

warnings.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Suspicious vehicle reported on County Rd 263 (1:06 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 87 (4:58 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Reese Ave - w/ animal impound (8:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 203 (10:30 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 335 Brunson Circle (11:10 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in four verbal warnings, one citation, and one roadway clear.

Thursday, Jan. 6 - Traffic accident reported at

375 Hwy 203 (6:27 a.m.); Animal complaint - w/ impound reported at 956 Claxton Ave N (9:40 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1207 Jones Circle (2:24 p.m.); Fight reported on Beaver Dam St (5:48 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in four verbal warnings, and one citation.

Friday, Jan. 7 - Prowler reported on Reynolds Ave (4:59 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1697 Lower Curtis Rd (7:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (9:55 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 876 Cedar Lane Dr (12:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 876 Cedar Lane Dr - citation issued (1:57 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Garrett St (3:28 p.m.); Harassment reported at 637 Claxton Ave N (4:23 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 144 Hwy 203 (5:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (9:27 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Reese Ave (9:33 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, one investigative stop, and one report.

Saturday, Jan. 8 - Disturbance reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (3:26 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (5:32 a.m.); Harassment reported on Cedar Lane Dr (10:15 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 343 Brunson Circle (1:40 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (2:33 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (5:18 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Adkinson Ave and Martin Luther King Dr (7:34 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 719 Simmons St (7:37 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning, two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Sunday, Jan. 9 - Disturbance reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (10:59 a.m.); Disabled motorist/vehicle reported at 2654 Taylor Mill Rd - an arrest was made (8:41 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:42 p.m.).

Monday, Jan. 10 - Criminal mischief reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (12:15 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 209 Davis St E (2:17 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier St (2:57 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 949 Hwy 203 (6:38 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning and one citation.

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VACATION OF A
PORTION OF COUNTY
ROAD 173 (Previously
Coffee County Road 100)**

Having received a written petition from the abutting landowners of Coffee County Road 173 requesting the vacation of a portion of said road and holding a public hearing pursuant to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission passed a resolution declaring a portion of County Road 173 to be closed and abandoned and no longer considered to be a public road. This resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission on January 10, 2022 and was filed in probate court, Elba division, for public record. The public road that has been vacated is described as follows:

The portion of County Road 173 (Previously County Road 100) to be vacated will begin at the intersection of said County Road 173 and the east line of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 02, T-7-N, R-21-E, thence continue west along said County Road 173 approximately 4,455 feet to the intersection of said County Road 173 and the north line of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 2, T-7-N, R-21-E, Coffee County, Alabama.
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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY
NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gayle Gist and wife, Paula Gist, Mortgagors, to Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagors, on May 2, 2002, said mortgage being recorded in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 62A, at page 92, and Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagors, by reason of such default, having declared all the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagors, will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., on February 17, 2022, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

PARCEL NO. I: Lots No. 5 and 6 of the Ward Addition to the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama; said lot bounded on the North by the land of Fred Free and Shirley Free, husband wife, (formerly owned by Mrs. A.J. Ward); on the East by Stephen Street; South by a 10 foot

alley; West by lands of Mrs. A.J. Ward; running West 150 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence 100 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL NO. II: One ten foot alley bounded on the North by Parcel I described above (formerly the H.H. Bradberry property); East by Stephens Street; South by property of M.C. Free (formerly property of Mrs. Sallie Williams); and West by Mrs. A.J. Ward's property, running West 150 feet from Stephens Street, situated lying and being in the town of Kinston, Alabama, and being between lots four and five in Block I, Ward Addition.

The above referred to parcels of land being more particularly described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land lying and being in Section 20, T3N, R19E of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the Northwest right-of-way of Stephens Street and the North right of way of Hickman Street in the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama; thence in a Northerly direction along the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence in a Southwesterly direction 150 feet, more or less to a point; thence in a Northerly direction parallel with the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 110 feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a Northeasterly direction 150 feet to the West right-of-way of Stephens Street, thence in a Southerly direction along the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 110 feet to the point of beginning.

NOTE: The above parcels of land are the same parcels of land conveyed by A.J. Ward and wife, Lena Ward to H.H. Bradberry on September 9, 1925 and November 24, 1931 and filed for record in Deed Book D-3 at Page 293 and Deed Book 1-A at page 446, Office of the Judge of Probate, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, Parcels I and II respectively.

NOTE: The property described hereinabove is the same property heretofore conveyed by Helen Lamurl B. Smart and Husband, James W. Smart to H.B. McWaters and Inez McWaters, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed, jointly for life with remainder to survivor, dated 24 July, 1982, filed for record in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, on the 27th day of July, 1982 at 4:10 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Book 79-A at Pages 271-272. That H.B. McWaters died on May 5, 1994, and that said property came to be owned in its entirety by Inez K. McWaters, by virtue of the survivorship provision in the said deed.

In accordance with the above referred mortgage recorded as above said referred, the said Gayle Gist and wife, Paula Gist, Mortgagors have been delinquent in payment of the

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/s/ Michael K. Harrison
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Comfort Foods During Times of Grief
People handle seasons of grief in different ways - and one area where you see that quite clearly is in their relationship to food.

When faced with a loss, some individuals essentially stop eating, needing to be reminded by their family members to get three healthy meals a day. This is a normal response to grief. However, the opposite scenario is just as common, and just as normal: Many of us turn to food to provide us with comfort, craving calories as a way of dealing with complicated emotions.

Believe it or not, the concept of "comfort food" comes with scientific backing. The important thing to know is foods rich in fat content, sugar, or salt tend to stimulate the brain's reward center; they can produce a temporary "high," a temporary yet noteworthy elevation of mood. When you're feeling down or depressed, it can be tempting to reach for a chocolate shake, a candy bar, or a bag of chips. These foods really do make you feel better, at least in the short term.

There are a couple of problems. One is these foods are not especially healthy—and while there's certainly nothing wrong with splurging every now and again, you don't want to develop habits that will compromise your physical well-being. Additionally, comfort food can become a tool for self-medication—and while it effectively minimizes feelings of sadness, it doesn't offer a constructive way to cope or to heal. The worst-case scenario is comfort foods take the place of more meaningful therapies, like talking about your grief with a close friend or with a counselor.

Keep all of this in mind as you reach for those comfort foods. You're not wrong to think they work—but that doesn't necessarily mean they're the best way to handle your grief.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES

ObituariesDeath notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com**CLIFTON CARTER**

Mr. Clifton Carter, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, at his daughter's home in Goshen, Ala.

Mr. Carter retired from Dorsey Trailers as a welder after an extended career and kept on farming and tending the land he loved.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 9, at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Shirlie Ellis officiating. Burial followed in the Haw Hill Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynell Carter; brothers, Charles Carter, and Kenneth Earl Carter; along with two infant twin brothers.

Survivors include his daughter: Julie (Chad) Hughes, Goshen; sons: Buddy (Jeana) Carter, Jack, Ala.; James Carter, Elba; sister: Janaria (Jerry) Scogins, Ozark, Ala.; granddaughters: Danielle Helms, Jack, and Marilee Hughes, Goshen; grandsons: Adam Carter, Dothan, Ala.; Ethan Carter and Jacob Smith, both of Jack, Tanner Smith, Troy, Ala., and Preston Hughes, Goshen; great-grandson: Hunter Helms, and great-granddaughter: Madalyn Helms, both of Jack; along with six nieces, and six nephews.

VICKI SUE WEEKS

Mrs. Vicki Sue Weeks, age 63, of New Brockton, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, at her home.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Jan. 12, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., beginning at 3 p.m., with Bro. Greg Adkins officiating. Visitation was at the funeral home on Wednesday, from 2-3 p.m.

Survivors include her husband: Danny Lee Weeks, New Brockton; son: Jeremy Lee Weeks, Andalusia, Ala.; daughters: Mandy Coats, Saint Petersburg, Fla., Brittany Mahan Smith, New Brockton, Valerie Roach, Jacksonville, Fla., Natalie Louise Stanfield, Level Plains, Ala., Ashley Childs, Shiloh, Ala., Heather Nicole Fowler, Elba; and a brother: Ronnie Martin.

TOMMY P. LUNSFORD

Tommy P. Lunsford, age 80, of Enterprise, AL, passed away, Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Medical Center Enterprise.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Searcy Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel with Rev. Larry Doster officiating. Burial will follow in Old Tabernacle Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9:00 A.M. until service time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Old Tabernacle Cemetery Fund, 8992 Highway 51, New Brockton, AL 36351.

Tommy was born on January 31, 1941 to the late Howard and Louise Lunsford. He received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was filled with the Holy Spirit in 1990. He was baptized and became a member of Lee Street Baptist Church and was honored to serve as a Deacon of the church. He loved singing and was a member of their choir for over twenty years. During his forty working years he had been Meat Market Manager of A&P in Tallahassee, FL and Dothan and Big Bear, IGA, and Piggy Wiggly. His love for people and his great sense of humor made him a friend to many of his customers.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Don Lunsford and his wife, Louise, sister, Jean Lunsford Downing, and niece, Amanda Lunsford.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 60 years, Patsy B. Lunsford, who was his high school sweetheart and the love of his life; two children, LT Col, USAF Ret, Darrin Lunsford (Sherie) Freeport, FL; Donna Ammons (Bruce) Niceville, FL; five grandchildren, ILT, USA Justin Lunsford (ILT, USA Blair) Fort Stewart, GA; Chase Lunsford, Freeport, FL; Abbey, Jacob, and Gracie Ammons, Niceville, FL; sister, Janet Lunsford Brunson (Greg) Elba, AL; sister, Janice Lunsford Iten (Tom) Enterprise, AL; brother, James Lunsford (Jo Ann) New Brockton, AL; numerous nieces and nephews.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

Isaiah 43:19-21

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now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.*

Statistically, we have reached the point in the month of January where a majority of Americans have abandoned their New Year's resolutions. How quickly we switch from the "New Year, new me" mentality to "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Increasingly, Americans are holding view that nothing can ever change, and if it does it will only be for the worse.

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What if we made different kinds of resolutions this year? It's not too late! What if we focused not just on ourselves, but how we can work to make our community stronger by this time next year? What if we dared to join God already at work in Elba, and look for the Kingdom of God. Imagine what we could do together?

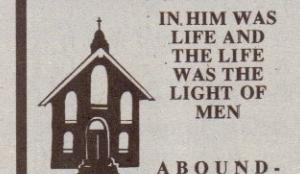
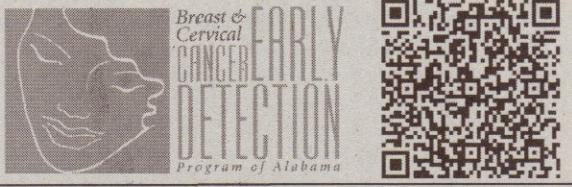
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Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

David Noble, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseer - Billy Berry
Sunday Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

John Curtis Isaacs, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

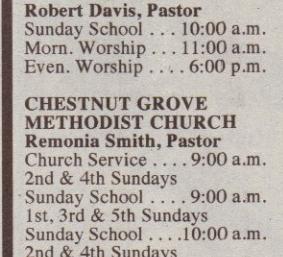
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.



CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Sami Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

HEBROW BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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The Coffee County Board of Education is seeking applications for the following classified positions:

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To access additional information regarding these vacancies or to access the on-line application please visit: www.coffeecountyschools.org or www.alsde.edu/TeachinAlabama

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was back to school last week for our grandson Lawson and even though he declared he wasn't ready to go back, he quickly got back in the swing of things and was smiling every afternoon as he carried his backpack to the car. Forget at-home learning – school is where children need to be to learn things both in the books and not in the books.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers didn't exactly start off the new year with any fireworks as they lost three straight games during the week and saw their record slip to 4-10. The Tigers posted two big wins and lost by one point in a third game in a holiday tournament to give the players and their fans high hopes for the second half of the season, but last week brought those hopes back down to earth and it is clear the Tigers have to play well to win.*

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers closed the busy week with two wins in two days to even their record at 7-7 at the midway point of the season. The Lady Tigers got the chance to play a lot of younger players in the lopsided wins over Zion Chapel and Opp, and that should pay dividends down the line when the area games gain importance. The Elba girls are still improving and should still be a team to watch in area action.*

*** *The start of the new year brought more of the same for the teams in the area with Brantley, Zion Chapel and Kinston all picking up wins, while New Brockton continued its mid-season struggles. The Bulldogs from Crenshaw County continued their winning ways and scored a season-high 90 points in a win over Red Level, while the Bulldogs from Coffee County showed they were ready to start taking names, the Rebels just kept doing it their way in piling up the wins and the Gamecocks continued to play hard, but also continued to come up short on the scoreboard. Over with the girls, none of the teams got off to fast starts as all four teams dropped their area openers and will have to improve greatly to be a factor.*

*** *In closing.... The 'free agent' signings in college football continued last week and the big news came out of Auburn where the Tigers signed Texas A & M's starting quarterback that led the Aggies to wins over both Auburn and Alabama. I agree the signing did bring with it a sense of excitement to the Auburn faithful, but programs are built by signing players that will be around for more than a year or two and are just a flash in the pan. Oh well, since college football players are now making millions anyway I guess it doesn't really make any difference to the fans who is in the lineup.*

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*City of Elba, AL
Sally Bane, City Clerk*

Even record at 7-7**Lady Tigers close week with two wins**

The Elba Lady Tigers had another busy week on the basketball court and closed the week with two wins in two days to even their record at 7-7.

Following is a recap of last week's games:

Geneva 50 Elba 31

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their losing streak reach four games last Tuesday night with a 50-31 road loss to the Geneva Lady Panthers.

Elba managed only one basket in the opening quarter as Geneva raced out to a 13-2 lead, and the Lady Panthers never slowed down in the second stanza as their lead grew to 30-5 late in the half. Freshman A'Lyric Whitfield hit a pair of three-pointers in the third quarter and connected on 4 of 6 free throws in the final stanza as she scored 16 second half points. However, it was too little, too late, as Geneva never lost command and claimed the 50-31 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Makaley Boswell scored 12 points and Madison Johnson and Melody Watson both added 9 points to pace Geneva.

Geneva (50): Hammock

2, Johnson 9, Wilks 2, Boswell 12, Ward 2, Robinson 2, Minnifield 4, Ausley 6, Watson 9.
Elba (31): Tinsley 2, Williams 3, Whitfield 21, McCollough 5.

Elba 49 Zion Chapel 24

The Elba Lady Tigers used a big third quarter to take command and coasted in with a solid 49-24 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Elba led only 10-8 after one quarter and carried a slim 21-17 lead in at the half, but outscored the Lady Rebels 17-5 in the third quarter led by a 9-point outburst by Nina Williams, to move ahead 38-22 and never lost command to claim the key area road win.

Nina Williams scored 18 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 13 to lead Elba, while Kaylen McAllister led the Lady Rebels with 7 points, with all seven points coming at the free throw line.

Elba (49): C. Williams 3, N. Williams 18, Whitfield

County Lake to reopen Feb. 2

The Coffee County Lake, located on County Road 364, six miles west of Elba, will reopen to the public for fishing on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

The lake has been closed for the past two months to allow renovations of piers and to allow restocking of catfish and bream.

The lake will be open from Wednesday through Sundays from sun-up until sundown.

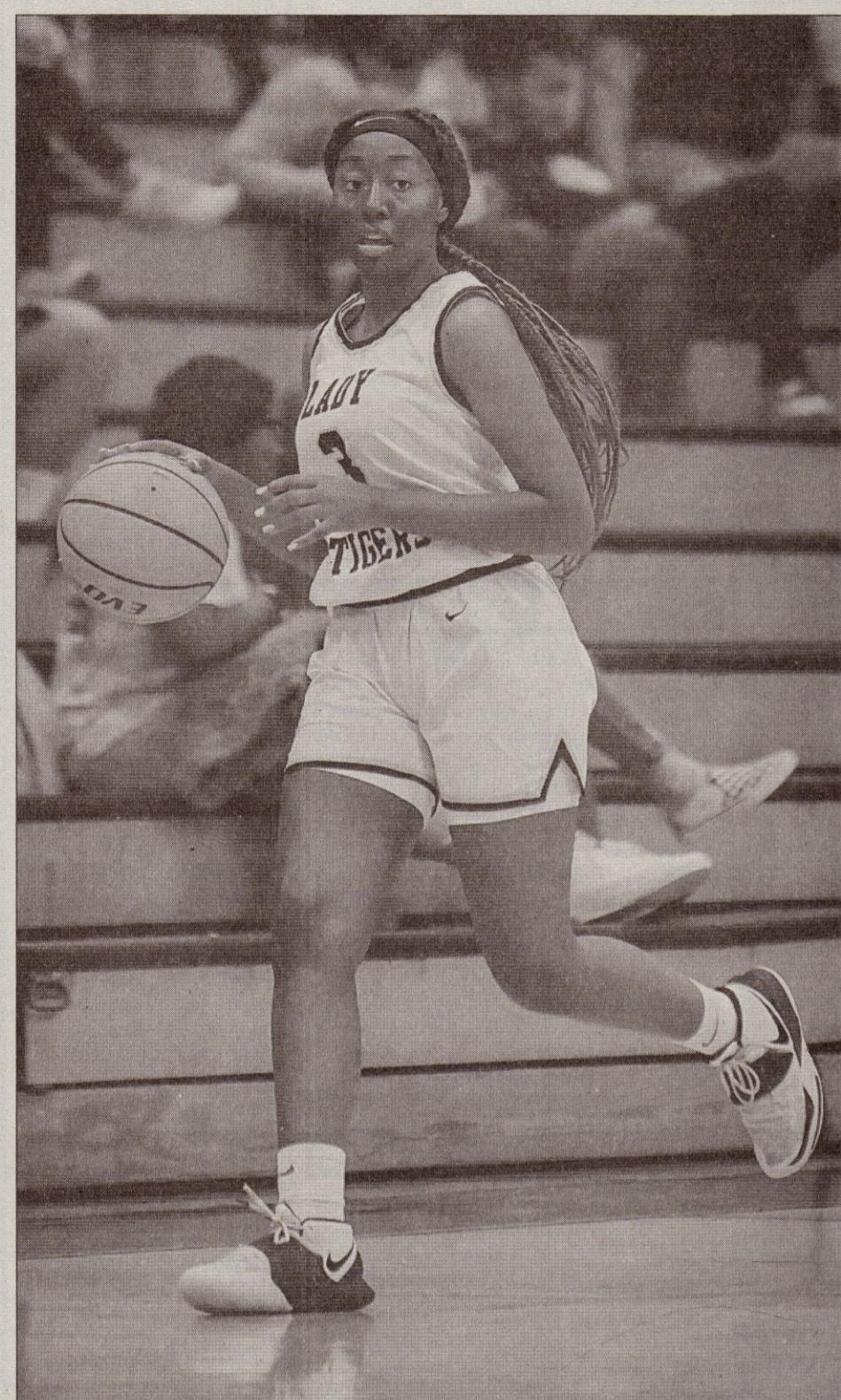
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Elba Lady Tiger senior Nina Williams (3) dribbles up the sidelines in recent high school basketball action. Williams scored 23 points to help lead the Lady Tigers to a big 44-28 win over Opp.

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13, McCollough 4, Stinson 2, Juarez 9.

Z.C. (24): Wambles 4, C. McAllister 2, Prescott 4, K. McAllister 7, Finger 2, Sheets 5.

Elba 44 Opp 28

The Elba Lady Tigers closed the week with a big 44-28 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats, Saturday afternoon at the Elba High gym.

Elba's Nina Williams exploded for 14 first quarter points to help the Lady Tigers race out to an early 17-6 lead, while Williams

and Tajah Purvis combined for 11 points in the second stanza as Elba carried a 28-20 lead in at intermission. The Lady Tigers used an aggressive defense to push their lead to 37-22 in the third quarter and Elba coasted in with the win despite hitting only 1 of 9 fourth quarter free throw opportunities.

Nina Williams scored 23 points to lead Elba,

while Tajah Purvis added 7. Vanesa Stoudemire led the Lady Bobcats with 8 points.

Elba (44): Tinsley 2, C. Williams 1, N. Williams 23, Purvis 7, B. Williams 2, Moore 2, Stinson 2, McCollough 1, Juarez 4.

Opp (28): Womack 1, Smith 2, Thompson 3, Rhoades 2, Crittenden 6, Bush 2, Stoudemire 8, Wiggins 2, Hogan 2.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 13

Ariton at Elba
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long
New Brockton at Opp

Friday, Jan. 14

Northside Methodist at Elba
Opp at Kinston
McKenzie at Zion Chapel
Brantley at Red Level

Monday, Jan. 17

Highland Home at Brantley

Tuesday, Jan. 18

G.W. Long at Elba
Kinston at Pleasant Home
Ariton at Zion Chapel

Thursday, Jan. 20

Brantley at Georgiana

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SPORTS NEWS

A winless week for the Tigers

The Elba Tigers struggled to a winless week on the court as they lost three games and saw their record slip to 4-10.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Geneva 55 Elba 39

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 55-39 road loss to the Geneva Panthers, last Tuesday night in Geneva.

Chayse Peterson had a basket and a free throw in the first quarter for Elba, but they were the only points the Tigers would put on the scoreboard in the stanza as Geneva raced out to an early 11-3 lead. Byron Burks and Chrystile Caldwell both scored six points in the second quarter to pump life into the Tigers offense, but the Panthers never lost command and carried a 26-19 lead in at the half.

The Tigers closed the

gap early in the third quarter. However, they connected on only 2 of 7 free throw opportunities as Geneva extended its lead to 37-28, and despite solid fourth quarters from Jordan Marek and JT Coleman, the Tigers could never cut into the deficit as they suffered the big road loss.

Byron Burks scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Evan Griffin led Geneva with 15 points.

Geneva (55): T. Johnson 6, McReynolds 2, Brannon 8, N. Johnson 8, Perry 4, Griffin 15, Garner 2, Adams 2, Threat 7, Barton 1.

Elba (39): Marek 8, Coleman 4, Burks 12, Peterson 3, Caldwell 8, Daniels 4.

Zion Chapel 54 Elba 40

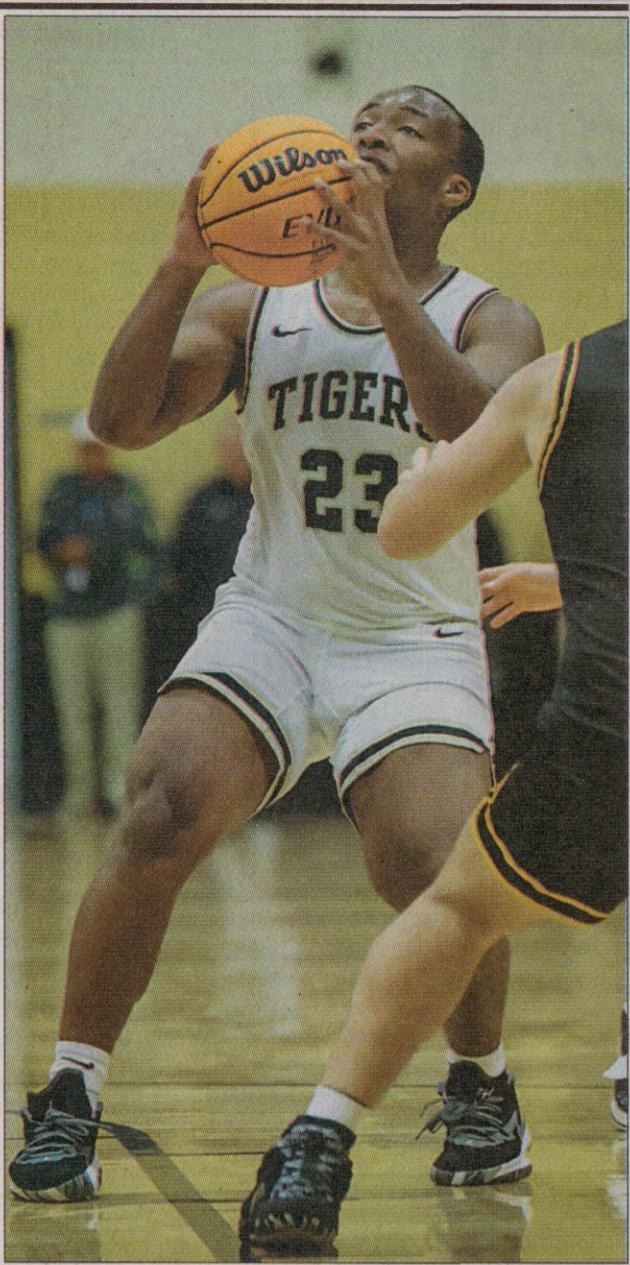
The Elba Tigers opened area play with a 54-40 loss to the Zion Chapel Rebels, Friday night at Zion Chapel.

Brady Cobb tossed in 8 first quarter points to help Zion Chapel sneak out to a 10-8 lead, while the Rebels Jacob Chestnut poured in eight second quarter points to help Zion Chapel carry in a 28-21 halftime advantage. JT Coleman and Alvin Henderson both drained long three-pointers in the third quarter as the Tigers continued to battle, but the Rebels never lost command and easily held on to post the 54-40 loss.

Chrystile Caldwell and Alvin Henderson both scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Brady Cobb scored 7. Jamari Hill scored 20 points and Kanye Mount added 13 to lead the Bobcats.

Z.C. (54): Chestnut 12, Watson 4, Cobb 22, Horstman 10, Booth 6.

Elba (40): Marek 2, Coleman 3, Burks 2, Peterson 4, Caldwell 11, Henderson 11, Daniels 7.



Elba Tiger Zay Daniels (23) eyes the basket in recent action against Geneva.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Roundball Roundup**VARSITY BOYS:**

Kinston 64 Samson 45 – The Kinston Bulldogs continued their recent winning ways and grabbed a key area win at the same time with a 64-45 win over the Samson Tigers. Reece Hall scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Cale Sumblin added 15, Owen Patterson added 9 and Tripp Hawthorne scored 8. Jacob Branch scored 16 points to lead the Tigers and Coe Kelly added 12.

Brantley 90 Red Level 84 – The Brantley Bulldogs outscored the Red Level Tigers 90-84 in a wild 1A match-up. Khaliq Smith poured in 40 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jayden Parks added 18 and Kedrick Brown and Morell Edwards both scored 10.

Opp 61 New Brockton 42 – The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their recent struggles on the court with a 61-42 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Matt Smith and Baylon Foster scored 10 points apiece to lead the Gamecocks, while Jabari Hill led the Bobcats with 16 points.

Pleasant Home 51 Kinston 48 – The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a 51-48 overtime decision to the Pleasant Home Eagles. Cale Sumblin scored 19 points and Reece Hall added 13 to lead the Bulldogs, while Ethan Curry scored 13 points for the Eagles.

Pike County 71 New Brockton 48 – The New Brockton Gamecocks couldn't keep up in a 71-48 loss to the Pike County Bulldogs. Baylon Foster scored 13 points and Matt Smith added 11 to lead the Gamecocks, while Zequan Boyd led the Bulldogs with 18 points.

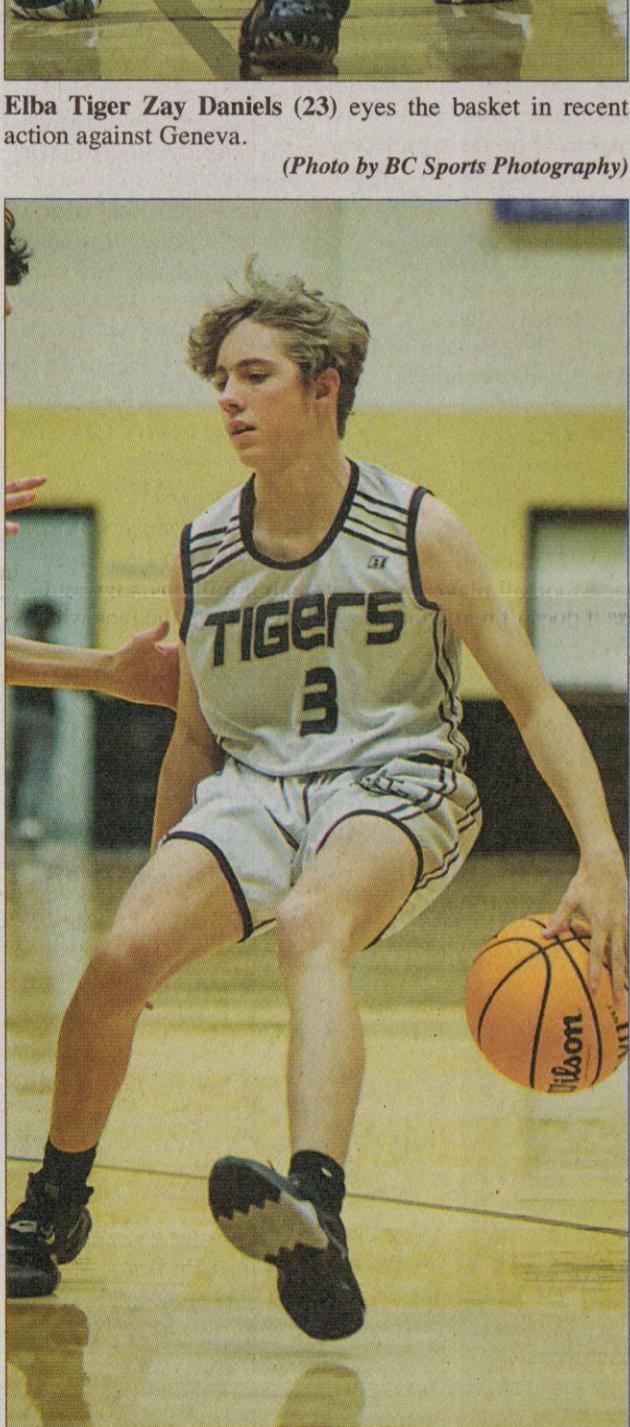
VARSITY GIRLS:

Samson 54 Kinston 32 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped their area opener to the Samson Lady Tigers 54-32. Kelsi Cardwell scored 20 points to pace the Lady Bulldogs, while Shaylei Mock scored 15 and Alli Brook Goodwin added 12 to lead the Lady Tigers.

Red Level 51 Brantley 42 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs came up short in a 51-42 loss to the Red Level Lady Tigers. Anna Parker Little score 14 points and Kayden Dunn added 12 to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Zion Chapel 37 Houston County 9 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels roiled to a big 37-9 win over Houston County. Shea Wambles scored 18 points and Meri Cason Prescott added 10.

Opp 57 New Brockton 43 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 57-43 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Gabby Eubanks scored 18 points and Reese Eddins added 9 to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Vanessa Stoudemire scored 30 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for the Lady Bobcats.



Elba JV Tiger Trace Grantham (3) puts on the brakes in recent action against Geneva.

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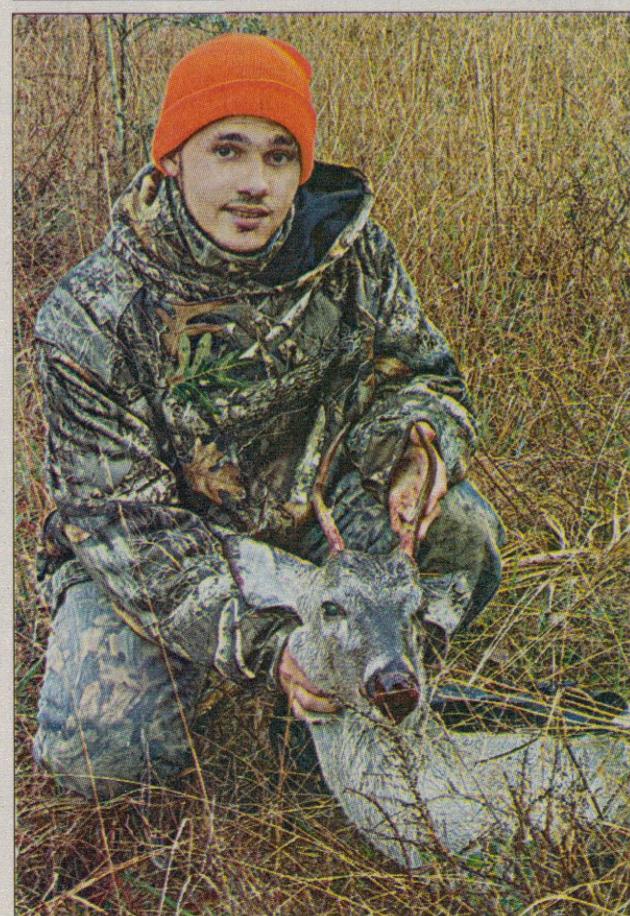
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